

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, B.J. Noltensmeyer of Independence has attained considerable distinction for the community-oriented activities in which she has engaged during her fifty-three years in Jackson County; and

Whereas, listed as an Every Day Hero by Governor Mel Carnahan in 1995 for her contribution of time, talent, and energy to the community, B.J. Noltensmeyer proved to be instrumental in establishing Boys Club and Head Start programs in Independence; replacing old wooden canopies in the Independence Business Area with brightly colored canopies; and finding funding for the \$500,000 renovation of Pleasant Heights High-rise by the Independence Housing Authority, a much-needed project which included creation of a mail room with parcel lockers, post office boxes, and a stamp machine; and

Whereas, B.J. Noltensmeyer has organized programs at area nursing homes and for local observances of the Make A Difference Day which was founded by Paul Newman thirteen years ago, and has served on the Postal Customer Advisory Council in Independence, on the Tenant Council as President, Vice President, and Secretary, and as Missouri State Director for the Senior Mrs. Talent Competition; and

Whereas, a talented poet and musician, B.J. Noltensmeyer has won numerous First Place piano trophies during National Championship and Regency Talent competitions; played a Horowitz Steinway piano at Jenkin's Music Company on the Plaza in a performance which was featured on television's Larry Moore's Dream Factory Day; and wrote a song in 1962 about astronaut John Glenn which was inscribed and autographed by then-Senator John Glenn in 1987; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to give praise and accolades to such noteworthy citizens as B.J. Noltensmeyer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the diverse accomplishments garnered down through the years by B.J. Noltensmeyer and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for many more celebratory occasions to come in life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of B.J. Noltensmeyer of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker